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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of)	Confirmation No. 5063
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Richard E. Rothman)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Serial No. 09/940,860)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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For: MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF BACTEREMIA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the rejected claims in view of the remarks and evidence presented. Claims 2, 4-23, and 33-34 are pending. Claims 2 and 4-22 stand rejected. Claim 23 is indicated as free of prior art. No other rejection of claim 23 stands. Claims 33 and 34 are new.

Attachments to this Response include appendices A-J.

Please charge the fee for a three-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. We believe no other fee is due for consideration of this response. If any other fee is due please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.